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RECOGNIZING CHESED SHEL EMES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the first responders and community members who responded to the horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful to Chessed Shel Emes for immediately rushing in to respond following the building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to aid in rescue and recovery efforts. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes, and we can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Mark Rosenberg, who serves as director of Chessed Shel Emes, and all of those who worked selflessly to support our Jewish community and provide comfort during this time of need.

Chessed Shel Emes did everything possible to make sure that search, rescue, and recovery efforts upheld Jewish law. Chessed Shel Emes worked tirelessly and relentlessly, offering resources, support, and comfort to the survivors and community in Surfside and to make sure that the needs of the Jewish community were met. This work was critical in helping to bring comfort to families who lost relatives, giving them faith that their loved ones were being cared for appropriately and respectfully.

The pain these families are experiencing is unimaginable, and Chessed Shel Emes was there every step of the way to make ensure the Jewish community's beliefs and faith were honored. They exemplify true loving kindness in both words and actions.

Chessed Shel Emes provided strength amidst tragedy. The community leaned on them to advocate for their needs and to be their voice. They helped every person who turned to them. They worked diligently, sensitively, and efficiently to help mourners cope with the unknown and provide assistance and guidance. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING FL-1 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank the FL-1 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force—FL-

TF1—for responding when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to provide search, rescue, and recovery efforts following the collapse. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

FL-TF1 is one of 28 Federal search and rescue task forces overseen by FEMA, and its capabilities include search and rescue, emergency care, engineering expertise, and logistics. When they are not being dispatched to countries in crisis, many of them work for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue as local firefighters.

FL-TF1 has responded to some of the world's most notable disasters, including earthquakes, terrorist attacks, and plane crashes, among others. They responded once before in their own community, when Hurricane Andrew hit south Florida in 1992. Their expertise and range of skills has made them invaluable in disasters and well-known internationally. These brave men and women dropped everything to selflessly assist in Surfside, a particular challenge since the tragedy affected their own community, and some had missing friends or loved ones.

FL-TF1 worked nonstop and with heavy hearts following the collapse in Surfside to provide comfort and closure for the families. They worked tirelessly, even when smoke and heat from a fire inside the building's standing portion hampered their efforts. They persisted when the temperatures escalated so much that some needed IVs to replenish fluids. They continued on when Tropical Storm Elsa passed nearby and dumped torrential rain. They left the pile only when they absolutely had to. They braved conditions the likes of which we could never imagine.

I also want to thank FL-TF1 dogs for their hard work to support search, rescue, and recovery efforts. We cannot thank these brave men and women of the FL-TF1 enough. They are heroes who stepped up to serve the community in the wake of an unprecedented and unimaginable disaster. Not only did they help lead the search, rescue, and recovery operation, they also provided endless care and compassion to the families of Surfside and did everything they could to bring closure to those who lost loved ones.

We are incredibly grateful to these heroes and their families for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who

responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want thank all of Florida's first responders who responded when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. They immediately answered the call to serve, and firefighters, law enforcement officers, search and rescue crews, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, and others from across the State of Florida came rushing in to try to save lives. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

Some of these responders lost family in the collapse; yet they still answered the call. Rescue crews worked tirelessly, even when smoke and heat from a fire inside the building's standing portion hampered their efforts. They persisted when the temperatures escalated so much that some needed IVs to replenish fluids. They continued on when Tropical Storm Elsa passed nearby and dumped torrential rain. They conducted their searches with enormous care and diligence and closely worked with faith leaders to make sure that rescue and recovery efforts were done with the respect. They left their families and faced dangerous and life-threatening conditions, and they never gave up hope. Their work to recover victims gave closure to so many families, and I am so proud of these Florida heroes.

We can never thank them and their families enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank Florida's brave law enforcement community for responding when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. They swiftly heeded the call of duty and came rushing in to save lives. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

Florida's law enforcement officers were on site within minutes of the collapse, and their rapid response saved lives. These brave men and women worked around the clock to support search and rescue efforts and provide protection and comfort to the entire Surfside community. They worked tirelessly, and they never gave up hope.

I would also like to thank the law enforcement chaplains who did everything they could to support the needs of those responding to the collapse and

all of the families that were impacted by this tragedy. The chaplains were a source of comfort and ensured that the emotional and religious needs of families and first responders were met.

The chaplains were instrumental in making sure families were constantly updated and that all of their questions were answered in both a timely and efficient manner, to the greatest extent possible. They provided as much transparency and kindness as they could during this unimaginable tragedy. We cannot thank them enough.

Law enforcement teams worked to recover personal property and religious artifacts and followed careful collection protocols. They worked around the clock to ensure all recovered personal property and family heirlooms were treated with the utmost respect and with great consideration for faith traditions when recovering items of religious significance. So many came together, as one, in the relentless pursuit to save lives. We honor the precious lives lost and pay homage to loved ones and all those that have suffered immensely.

Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to keep Floridians, and this was no exception. We can never thank them and their families enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE TEAMS

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank all eight of Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force teams from Miami-Dade County, the city of Miami, Hillsborough County, Central Florida, Northeast Florida, Southwest Florida, North Florida, and North Central Florida for responding when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to assist in search, rescue, and recovery efforts following the collapse. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force teams are deployed to aid communities following a natural or manmade disaster, and all eight deployed to Surfside to aid in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. Nearly 370 urban search and rescue members worked on-site, making this the largest nonhurricane deployment in Florida's history.

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the call. Rescue crews worked tirelessly, even when smoke and heat from a fire inside the building's standing portion hampered their efforts. They persisted when the temperatures escalated so much that some needed IVs to replenish fluids. They continued on when Tropical Storm Elsa passed nearby and dumped torrential rain. They left their families and faced dangerous and life-threatening conditions, and they never gave up hope. Their work to recover victims gave closure to so many families, and I am so proud of these Florida heroes.

I also want to thank Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force teams dogs for their hard work to support search, rescue, and recovery efforts. Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force teams are heroes who stepped up to serve the community in the wake of unprecedented and unimaginable disaster. Not only did they help lead the search, rescue, and recovery operation, they provided endless care and compassion to the families of Surfside and did everything they could to bring closure to those who lost loved ones.

We can never thank them and their families enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING HATZALAH OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the first responders and community members who responded to the horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. Hatzalah is a volunteer emergency medical service organization serving Jewish communities around the world. We are incredibly grateful to Hatzalah of South Florida for immediately rushing in to try to save lives following the building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to aid in rescue and recovery efforts. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes, and we can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy.

Hatzalah of South Florida had a steady presence in Surfside, helping with the search, rescue, and recovery operation. They offered resources, support, and comfort to the survivors, families of the victims, and the entire community in Surfside. They provided medical services to evacuees, families of missing persons, and personnel involved in the search and rescue operations. They worked tirelessly and re-

lentlessly to make sure that the needs of the community were met. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S AID DELEGATION

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy, and immediately following the collapse, Israel mobilized resources and personnel to help in the response. We are incredibly grateful to Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett for deploying the joint Israel Defense Forces—IDF—and Ministry of Foreign Affairs delegation to Surfside following the collapse. I want to thank commander of IDF's National Rescue Unit in the Home Front Command, Colonel Golan Vach, for leading the search and rescue delegation and Israeli Diaspora Affairs Minister, Nachman Shai, who helped to make sure the needs of the Surfside community were addressed. I am eternally grateful for their hard work and quick response to this terrible tragedy.

I also want to thank Israel's Consul General, Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, and his team, who were on site working tirelessly to address the needs of the community and who worked alongside first responders and rescue crews to respond to the collapse.

Israel Defense Forces Home Front Command operates search and rescue missions in Israel and around the world, aiding in rescue and recovery efforts for disasters. Using building information modeling tools and technologies and careful measurements taken on site, the Home Front Command was able to generate 3D digital models of the building before and after its collapse. This, combined with information gathered from surviving family members and friends, produced highly accurate information to help the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. Their efforts gave search teams from across the United States and around the world the most accurate and up-to-date information on where they should target their search efforts.

Israel responds immediately to emergencies around the world, and our gratitude is immense. Israel is a partner in every sense of the word. Their presence was greatly appreciated by the people of Surfside, the State of Florida, and the entire Nation. The Israeli rescue team demonstrated once again the kindness and strength that Israel provides. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to help local, State, Federal, and